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- Between 30 March and 5 April 1951, the Reil Kaserne in Halle (II 52/D 92) quartered about 250 troops, all of whom, including the dog handlers, wore black-bordered red epaulets. No information could be gathered on the whereabouts of the soldiers with red-bordered green epaulets who had been previously observed in the installation. Passenger cars occupied by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets, and                      were identified in the billeting area. \*

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- On 5 April, a mortar unit convoy was observed to break up and enter, the Luftnachrichten Schule and the former insane asylum in Nietleben. The convoy included passenger car occupied by officers with red-bordered black epaulets; 2 radio trucks; an ambulance;                      one of which towing a field kitchen; and 13 trucks, each of which carried 30 soldiers and towed a 120-mm mortar. The 13 trucks were

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A signal company, whose personnel wore black-bordered black epaulets and were engaged in signal training; about 100 troops practicing close-combat with gas masks on; an armored scout car; 2 armored personnel carriers; and 2 T-34/35 tanks were observed in the collective billeting area of the Luftnachrichten Schule and the Nietleben insane asylum.

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3. On 5 April, the Flak Kaserne in Halle-Woermnitz was still occupied to capacity. [REDACTED] occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, and passenger car [REDACTED], occupied by officers with red-bordered black epaulets, were observed. \*\*

\* [REDACTED] Comment. An MVD unit of battalion strength with personnel wearing red-bordered green epaulets and with [REDACTED]

March 1951. [REDACTED] until [REDACTED] in the present report indicate that the installation still quarters the same MVD unit, but its personnel are now wearing black-bordered red epaulets. The change of service color has been observed at other MVD unit posts in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. The information indicates no change in the disposition of units in Halle. [REDACTED]

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